

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, lines 3-12, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Another aspect of the present invention is a *Bacillus thuringiensis* cell that produces a CryET29 crystal protein. In a preferred embodiment, the cell is a *Bacillus thuringiensis* bacterial strain designated *B. thuringiensis* EG4096 which has been deposited with the Agricultural Research Culture Collection, Northern Regional Research Laboratory (NRRL), International Depository Authority, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604, on May 30, 1996 and assigned the Accession No. NRRL B-21582. *B. thuringiensis* EG4096, further described in Examples 1, 2, and 3, is a naturally-occurring bacterium that comprises a *cryET29* gene (SEQ ID NO:1) of the present invention. EG4096 produces a novel insecticidal crystal protein of approximately 26-kDa, which the inventors have designated CryET29 (SEQ ID NO:2). Most ~~preferably~~ preferably, the *Bacillus thuringiensis* cell has the NRRL accession number NRRL B-21582.

On page 7, lines 13-22, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A further aspect of the present invention is a plasmid, cosmid, or vector that comprises the nucleic acid sequence of a whole or a portion of the *cryET29* gene (SEQ NO ID:1), a transformed host cell comprising a native or recombinant *cryET29* gene, a culture of a recombinant bacterium transformed with such plasmid, the bacterium preferably being *B. thuringiensis* such as the recombinant strains EG11494 and EG11502, described in Example 7, and most preferably a biologically-pure culture of such a bacterial strain. EG11494 was deposited on May 30, 1996 under the terms of the Budapest Treaty with the Agricultural Research Culture Collection, Northern Regional Research Laboratory (NRRL), International

Depository Authority, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604, and given the Accession number NRRL B-21583. Alternatively, the *E. coli* recombinant strains EG11513 and EG11514 comprising the novel *cryET29* gene, are also preferred hosts for expression of the CryET29 protein.

On page 70, lines 12-15, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The *E. coli* strain containing pEG1298 has been designated EG11513. EG11513 has been deposited with the Agricultural Research Culture Collection, Northern Regional Research Laboratory (NRRL), International Depository Authority, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604, on September 12, 1996 and assigned the ~~having~~ Accession No. NRRL B-21624. The *E. coli* strain containing pEG1299 has been designated EG11514.